

Garland Youth Council Applications Being Accepted

The Garland City Council wants to hear from the city's youth and invites young people to apply to serve on the Garland Youth Council. The Youth Council's mission is to provide a forum which educates Garland's youth to the various workings of City business and allows youth to voice ideas and concerns.

Garland residents who will be grades 9-12 during the 2013-14 school year are eligible to apply. Each applicant should submit a completed GYC application and two letters of reference by May 17, 2013 to Dorothy White, Public & Media Affairs Director, 200 N Fifth Street, Garland, TX 75040.

Applicants should plan to attend at least one Youth Council meeting. Regular meetings are set for the second Tuesday of each month, with committee meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The GYC meets at Granger Recreation Center, 1310 W. Avenue F. The Mayor and each of Garland's eight City Council members will select two applicants to serve a one-year term.

Applications and meeting agendas are available at Garland City Hall, 200 N. Fifth Street, in the Public & Media Affairs office and www.garlandyouthcouncil.org. For additional information, contact Dorothy White at 972-205-2879 or dwhite@garlandtx.gov.



Mission

The mission of the City's Youth Council is to provide a forum which educates Garland's youth to the various workings of City business and allows youth to be a voice to address their particular ideas and concerns.

Purpose

- To serve as a vehicle to make sure the City Council is aware of needs and wants of Garland youth throughout the city.
- To promote and educate participants to the local political process.
- To assist the Mayor and Council in scheduling meetings which address youth concerns.
- To assure youth adherence to the criteria for membership in the Youth Council.
- To serve as ambassadors and messengers for the City of Garland.

To apply for an appointed position on the Garland Youth Council, please complete the following steps and return the completed application packet:

0	Complete form and answer questions on page 3.
0	Submit two letters of recommendation.
0	Review the attached calendar and determine that you should be able to attend regularly scheduled meetings consistently (Keep calendar for your records).
0	Review the GYC Appointee Agreement on page 4. Both applicant and parent/guardian must sign.
0	Parent/guardian sign the attached video/photography release form on page 5.
0	Attend at least one GYC meeting or activity. Date attended:



Application 2013-14

Name:				
Address:				
City Council District: Home Phone:				
Cell Phone:				
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:				
Email:				
Parent/Guardian Email:				
Grade level in 2013-14 school year: School:				
Please answer the following questions. Feel free to type your answers on a separate paper and attach to the application.				
In what activities/organizations do you participate in school, church or in the community?				
How did you hear about the Garland Youth Council?				
Why do you want to serve on the Garland Youth Council?				
What are some challenges you feel Garland youth face in our community?				
What do you see as positives for youth living in Garland?				



2013-14 Appointee Agreement

As an appointee to the 2013-14 Garland Youth Council, I understand the importance of being an active participant in GYC meetings and activities. If appointed, I agree to do the following:

- Attend regular meetings and assigned committee meetings
- Contribute ideas and energy to GYC meetings and activities
- Contact the GYC Staff Liaison or Chairperson *in advance* if I am unable to attend and submit suggestions, ideas via email when school commitments, illness or family commitments keep me from attending.
- Participate in GYC events and activities

Indicate activity conflicts:

- Check emails regularly and promptly reply or acknowledge receipt
- Promote the GYC to my classmates and friends and encourage them to attend meetings and participate in activities

I have reviewed the 2013-14 GYC calendar and acknowledge that I am available to participate in meetings and activities. (If participation in sports or other special activities might keep you from participating for a specific period of time, please indicate the activity and the time period which you would be expected to miss. For example, basketball season might force you to miss all meetings in January and February.)

Signature		
Date		



Authorization to use Image

I hereby consent to my child's photograph being taken or image recorded by the City of Garland in connection with Garland Youth Council activities.

Furthermore, I authorize the use, copyright, or publication of my child's name, image or voice as may be captured by photograph, video or audio recording while attending or participating with the Garland Youth Council, in any medium, for any purpose, including illustration, promotion, marketing or advertisement.

Signature of Parent or Guardian
Printed Name of Parent or Guardian
Child's Name – Age
Date
Witness

Garland Youth Council 2013-14 Meeting Calendar (subject to updates)

The Garland Youth Council has regular monthly meetings and weekly committee meetings. The GYC also participates in the annual Texas Youth Summit, usually held in February.

Regular meetings of the Garland Youth Council are on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. with Committee Night meetings on the fourth Tuesday at the same time. The location for the 2013-14 meetings will be Granger Recreation Center, 1310 Avenue F. Please note that the location for our Installation Ceremony/First Official Meeting is different.

The 2013-14 meeting schedule at this time is as follows:

Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 6-8:30 p.m. Get Acquainted Meeting for 2013-14 appointees.

Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
Location: The Atrium at the Granville Arts Center, 330 N. Fifth St (Lobby)
Installation Ceremony & First Official Meeting
GYC members will also be introduced at regular City Council meeting at 7 p.m.

Saturday, September 21, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (shifts) Healthy Living Expo – TDS Booth GISD Special Events Center

Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 5:30 p.m. Committee Night

Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2013, 5:30 p.m. Committee Night

Tuesday, November 12, 2013, 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting

No Committee Night Meeting in November due to holiday

December 10, 2013, 5:30 p.m. Holiday activity in lieu of meeting (Location TBA)

No Committee Night in December due to holiday

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 5:30 pm Committee Night

Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 5:30 pm Committee Night

Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Committee Night

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Committee Night

Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 6 p.m. (Granger Annex) - Year-End Event